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1. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS EMBASSY'S INITIAL PANEL OF IV
SUGGESTIONS. WE PROPOSE DISCUSSING THE SUGGESTIONS WITH
MFA CULT DIV, ALONG LINES OF REFTEL, IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS.

2. WE PROPOSE MIX OF INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL DELEGATIONS,
AND MIX OF NAMED PERSONS WITH CATEGORIES FOR WHICH
SOVIETS WOULD PROVIDE NAMES. VARIATION OF OPTIONS WILL
ALLOW FOR FLEXIBLE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS. LIST FOLLOWS.

3. YEVENGIY M. TYAZHELNIKOV, FIRST SECRETARY OF
KOMSOMOL CC. HE HEADS AN ORGANIZATION OF 34 MILLION YOUNG
PEOPLE AND IS A NATURAL FOR MEETING YOUNG AMERICANS.
HE ALSO HAS A GOOD POLITICAL FUTURE AND PLAYS AN
IMPORTANT ROLE IN SOVIET INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS IN THE
AREA YOUTH AFFAIRS.

4. V. G. AFANAS'YEV, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF JOURNAL
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KOMMUNIST. FORMERLY PRAVDA'S DEPUTY EDITOR FOR IDEOLOGY,

HE APPEARS ON TV EVERY TWO WEEKS TO ANSWER READERS' QUESTIONS AND IS WELL INFORMED ON SOVIET PUBLIC OPINION. HE ALSO STANDS IN LINE FOR HIGH PARTY RANK AT THE 1976 PARTY CONGRESS.

5. WE PROPOSE THAT INVITATIONS BE TENDERED TO THE FIRST SECRETARIES OF THE FOLLOWING CPSU CITY COMMITTEES OR, IN CASE OF NON-ACCEPTANCE, TO ONE OF THE OTHER CITY PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARIES:

VLADIVOSTOK KUYBYSHEV

BLAGOVESHCHENSK GOR'KIY

CHITA ARKHANGEL'SK

IRKUTSK MURMANSK

CHEL'YABINSK SARATOV

SVERDLOVSK DNEPROPETROVSK

OUR RATIONALE FOR EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO THESE CITIES LISTED IS THAT THESE CITIES STRETCH ACROSS THE USSR AND COVER AREAS NORMALLY UNAVAILABLE TO US. IF WE CAN'T VISIT THEM, LET THEM VISIT US. THE CITIES THEMSELVES ARE IMPORTANT URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL CENTERS.

6. ANATOLIY SOKOLOV. HE IS SECTION CHIEF AND SENIOR ECONOMIST, INSTITUTE OF WORLD SOCIALIST ECONOMY, MOSCOW. SOKOLOV IS ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD, POSSIBLY OLDER. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW AND PROBABLY A CANDIDATE OF ECONOMIC SCIENCE. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND SOME GERMAN. HE LECTURES IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AT MOSCOW UNIVERSITY AND ALSO AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACADEMY.

7. VLADIMIR PETROVICH PANOV, DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR, VOPROSY EKONOMIKI. PANOV HAS A CANDIDATE OF ECONOMIC SCIENCE DEGREE, POSSIBLY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KIEV. HE IS ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD.

8. YURI AKADEVICH NECHAYEV CORRESPONDENT, FOREIGN ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA. WE HAVE NO BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THIS POSSIBILITY.

9. WE PROPOSE A THREE-TO-FIVE MEMBER DELEGATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTERS OF CULTURE OF VARIOUS REPUBLICS. NONE THAT WE KNOW OF HAS EVER BEEN TO THE U.S. AND WE BELIEVE SUCH A VISIT, TO BE HELD DURING RELEVANT BICENTENNIAL EVENTS, WOULD DO MUCH TO FACILITATE INCREASED AMERICAN CULTURAL CONTACTS IN THEIR AREAS. SUGGESTED REPUBLICS INCLUDE:
UZBEK
TADZHIK
GEORGIAN

AZERBAIJAN
ARMENIAN

10. LEV A. KOROLYOV, ABOUT 45 YEARS OLD, HEAD OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR TV & RADIO. HE SPEAKS FRENCH FLUENTLY, AND HAS SERVED IN PARIS AND TRAVELLED AT LEAST IN EUROPE, ALTHOUGH AS FAR AS KNOWN NOT IN THE U.S. VERY SMOOTH AND SOPHISTICATED, WITH OBVIOUS BUREAUCRATIC POTENTIAL, KOROLYOV ALSO IS OF INTEREST IN LIGHT OF EFFORTS TO WORK OUT AN EXCHANGE OF PROGRAMS WITH THE U.S. PBS.

11. DMITRI ROZANOV, ABOUT 42 YEARS OLD, AMERICAN EDITOR OF SEL'SKAYA ZHIZN', A DAILY NEWSPAPER OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO FARM AND RURAL READERS WITH A CIRCULATION OF ABOUT 7,500,000. HIS ENGLISH IS VERY GOOD, AND HE IS ANXIOUS TO VISIT THE STATES (FOR THE FIRST TIME). SYMPATHETIC AND OPEN IN CHARACTER, ROZANOV SEEMS AN ABLE NEWSMAN WITH LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL WHOM WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE WOULD WRITE WELL AND TRULY ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS ABSORB FIRST-HAND SOME USEFUL EXPERIENCES. (HIS WIFE, ALSO VERY LIKABLE, IS A SELF-CONFESSED FORMER JAZZ SINGER WHOSE UNDYING FAVORITE IS SARAH VAUGHN.)

12. WE ALSO PROPOSE A SMALL DELEGATION OF TRANSLATORS OF AMERICAN AUTHORS, TO VISIT THE U.S. IN THE MONTHS BEFORE THE BICENTENNIAL TO MEET WITH LIVING AUTHORS THEY HAVE TRANSLATED AND BRING THEMSELVES UP-TO-DATE ON CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN LITERATURE. WE HOPE THIS VISIT WOULD STIMULATE NEW TRANSLATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.
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